

THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTS

THE 2ND ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

Sunday April 23, 2006

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"HOW BIG IS *YOUR* WORLD?"

ATTENTION RIVERSIDE

This EVENT is ALL ABOUT *YOU*.



WHERE YOU COME FROM, THE EXPERIENCE OF YOUR HERITAGE, AND THE TRADITIONS THAT SHAPE WHO YOU ARE.

Celebrate the diversity of Riverside at this one of a kind citywide all-day family festival located in the heart of Riverside on the DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN MALL.

Visit one of 105 booths representing nations and cultures from around the world
Get to know the world and the multiplicity of cultures that give it life.

SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS PLANNED FOR THE FESTIVAL:

- *Ethnic Food Court *Painting With the Masters *Trivia Contest with Prizes
- *International Dance *Multicultural Cookbook *Storytelling Circle *Custom One World I.D. Necklaces
- *3 Stages of All Day Entertainment *International Crafts *U.C.R. Highlanders *Dance & Singing Contests
- *Traditional Costumes *Grape Stomping Contest *Museum of International Youth Art *International Karaoke
- *Test for Hidden Bias *International Dance *Games of the World *Body Language Demonstration
- *T-Shirts *Boy Teens In Kilts *One World...Many Hands Banner *One World Bracelets
- *Student Art Exhibit *International Films Written, Produced & Directed by Student Filmmakers
- *International Exhibits All About Youth *Radio Station 99.1 *Music from Around the World *Art Contest
- *Henna Hand-Painting *Chalk Mural *"What's My Country?" Game Show *Martial Arts
- *International Dance Lessons *Design a One World Flag *International Fashion Show *Dramatic Performances
- *Chinese Dragon Dance *Win a Trip from Southwest Airlines *Hip Hop African Dance *Ethnic Food Tasting

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For more information about the festival, please contact cleach@riversideca.gov 951-826-5686

THE PURPOSE

To offer a venue where the citizens of Riverside can explore and celebrate the cultural heritage of the people who make up the community. While the festival will focus on the experience of youth from around the globe, it is planned as a fun family event offering entertainment, ethnic cuisine, educational activities, and the artistic creativity of all cultures.

THE MISSION

The Multicultural Youth Festival, "How Big Is *YOUR* World?" hopes to achieve a twofold objective. To highlight the similarities among youth of different cultures balanced with the awareness that each person is also a unique individual; and through knowledge, dialogue, and information sharing, cause young people to recognize that the differences distinctive of a group can actually strengthen and enrich both individuals and the community. We aim to encourage Riverside youth to transcend conflict, reject stereotypes, and overcome fear of difference through consideration of facts, familiarity, experience and communication thereby creating a new culture of understanding and solidarity among all young people.

A Riverside Youth Council Production



Drawing by last year's winner of the
CHILDREN CELEBRATE THE WORLD
THOUGHT ART CONTEST
TOMASITA RODRIGUEZ, Age 13
GAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

*For more information on the
Multicultural Youth Festival, or to
find out how you can represent your
country or region by hosting a booth,
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An Event Overview

The Project

The second annual Riverside Multicultural Youth Festival is a project of the Riverside Youth Council. Scheduled during National Youth Service Week, the festival supports both cultural diversity and a young person's responsibility to actively participate in and promote community service.

The Multicultural Youth Festival will take place on the Downtown Mall from City Hall to the Mission Inn, on Sunday, April 23, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Youth from 14 to 24 years of age will be hosting 75 booths representing nations and regions from around the world. Each booth will share the uniqueness of the nation and culture it represents through customs, traditional costumes, art, music, crafts, games and educational literature. An ethnic food court will provide international cuisine.

The festival will offer an extensive array of attractions and exhibits that focus on the similarities among today's youth while at the same time celebrating their diversity.

Admission is free and open to the public.

The Multicultural Youth Festival Attractions

Visitors at the festival are invited to participate in a multitude of activities designed to promote cultural appreciation and awareness.

- ❖ Create a chalk mural
- ❖ Enjoy award winning films written and directed by student film makers. This attraction is sponsored by The Caucus for Television Producers, Writers and Directors Foundation
- ❖ Test for hidden bias. Join a circle discussion on hidden bias and other issues facing teens
- ❖ Experience hands on activities like Origami from Japan, Kente cloth weaving from Africa, Mehendi hand painting from India
- ❖ Play Hanetuki a game from Japan, learn Tinikling the National Dance of the Philippines, or discover the art of Alpine yodeling first practiced in Switzerland
- ❖ Collect cards from each booth listing facts about teen life in their country
- ❖ View original art depicting the theme of the festival "How Big Is Your World?" drawn by elementary and middle school children
- ❖ Collect a custom I.D. necklace celebrating the concept of *One World*
- ❖ Sign the banner "A Commitment to Communicate" endorsing the belief that the more we know about each other, the more we discover how alike we really are

There will also be three stages providing continuous entertainment:

- ❖ Stage 1 will present live music, dance, theatre, storytellers, and a special celebrity guest appearance
- ❖ Stage 2 will show live demonstrations characteristic of a culture including: body language, martial arts, fashion, and drama
- ❖ Stage 3 will offer interactive games, contests, karaoke, and the premiere of the International Gong Show

A Special International Project:

"How Big Is *YOUR* World?"

- ❖ A video presentation of 16 and 17 year-old students from more than 30 nations around the globe, recorded on camera as each student gives their answers to the same two questions. Posters with a photograph of each student and the English translation to their answers will be on display at the "How Big Is *YOUR* World?" booth